

## Maine Revised Statutes

### Title 32: PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

#### Chapter 22: AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE, ENGLISH INTERPRETERS AND TRANSLITERATORS HEADING: PL 1997, c. 749, §3 (new)

#### §1524. REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE; LIMITED INTERPRETER AND LIMITED TRANSLITERATOR

To be eligible for licensure as a limited interpreter or limited transliterator under this chapter, an applicant must be at least 18 years of age and must provide the following: [1999, c. 399, §10 (AMD); 1999, c. 399, §20 (AFF).]

**1. High school diploma.** Proof of a high school diploma or the equivalent;

[ 1997, c. 749, §3 (NEW) .]

**2. References.**

[ 1999, c. 399, §20 (AFF); 1999, c. 399, §10 (RP) .]

**3. Sworn statement.**

[ 2007, c. 402, Pt. K, §2 (RP) .]

**4. Proof of education and training in American Sign Language.** Except as provided in this section, written proof of the applicant's education and training in American Sign Language, consisting of either:

A. Proof of completion of at least 100 clock hours of instruction in American Sign Language conducted by:

- (1) An instructor recognized by the American Sign Language Teachers Association, or a comparable or successor organization recognized by the commissioner;
- (2) An interpreter certified by either the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. or the National Association of the Deaf, Inc., or a comparable or successor organization of either recognized by the commissioner; or
- (3) An instructor of courses conducted through an accredited college, accredited university or accredited or approved high school or conducted by certification maintenance course sponsors approved by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. or the National Association of the Deaf, Inc., or a comparable or successor organization of either recognized by the commissioner; or [1999, c. 399, §10 (NEW); 1999, c. 399, §20 (AFF).]

B. Submission of a letter attesting that the applicant's skill level is equivalent to a person who has completed 100 hours of instruction in American Sign Language. The letter must be prepared and signed by:

- (1) An instructor recognized by the American Sign Language Teachers Association, or a comparable or successor organization recognized by the commissioner;
- (2) An interpreter certified by either the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. or the National Association of the Deaf, Inc., or a comparable or successor organization of either recognized by the commissioner; or

(3) An instructor of courses conducted through an accredited college, accredited university or accredited or approved high school or conducted by certification maintenance course sponsors approved by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. or the National Association of the Deaf, Inc., or a comparable or successor organization of either recognized by the commissioner; and [1999, c. 399, §10 (NEW); 1999, c. 399, §20 (AFF).]

[ 2005, c. 267, §1 (AMD) .]

**5. Proof of education and training in interpreting process.** Except as provided in this section, written proof of completion of at least 100 clock hours of instruction in the interpreting process, which must include instruction in deaf culture and the ethics of interpreting, conducted through an accredited college, accredited university or accredited or approved high school or conducted by certification maintenance course sponsors approved by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. or the National Association of the Deaf, Inc., or a comparable or successor organization of either recognized by the commissioner. Credit may not be given for interpreting process clock hours that were completed prior to 5 years from the date of application.

[ 2005, c. 267, §1 (AMD) .]

As an alternative to satisfying subsections 4 and 5, an applicant for licensure as a limited interpreter or limited transliterator may submit documentation of a score of 3.5 or higher on the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment, or successor assessment. [2005, c. 267, §1 (NEW).]

#### SECTION HISTORY

1997, c. 749, §3 (NEW). 1999, c. 399, §10 (AMD). 1999, c. 399, §20 (AFF). 2005, c. 267, §1 (AMD). 2007, c. 402, Pt. K, §2 (AMD).

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